

GALT TRAFFIC!



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WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN EAA?

CHECK THIS OUT!

Every pilot should belong to two very important aviation organizations – AOPA and EAA. They are the two biggest voices in Washington (and the state capitols) fighting for the interests of general aviation.

Don't think of EAA as just "homebuilders". That's how it all started in 1953, but today EAA encompasses virtually all aspects of sport aviation, including ultralights, antique/classics, aerobatics, warbirds and yes, experimenters. "Airventure", the late July gathering in Oshkosh has become the premier aviation event in the world!

There is a special opportunity available through February: Join EAA (\$40) and \$20 will be rebated to your local chapter – Chapter 932 will then give you a one year free membership. You now belong to EAA and a local chapter. You've saved \$10 and your chapter has made \$20. Ask for the special EAA Membership Application Chapter Rebate Form at the Galt office or contact the Chapter 932 Secretary, Jeff Hill at 815-338-3551 or e-mail jjhill@compuserve.com. Be an active supporter of general aviation!

YEAR 2000 DUES REMINDER

So far, two thirds of the membership has sent in their dues for 2000. Great work! Now how's 'bout you stragglers taking a minute right now to send off a check for a mere \$10 made out to "EAA Chapter 932". Mail it, along with your EAA number (if you have one) to Jeff Hill, 9610 Hidden Lane, Woodstock, IL 60098. Anyone who hasn't 'anted up' by Mar. 31 will be removed from the membership list. Please don't let that happen! Act now, and be a part of it!

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MINUTES OF THE JANUARY MEETING

The January meeting was combined with our first ever "Big Pasta Potluck" -- and what a success it was! We had just over 50 people turn out. But the biggest surprise was how really great the food was. We have some real culinary talent in the chapter that's been kept a secret for too long!

President John Wise called the brief, before dinner meeting to order at 6:30. It was decided to change our meeting date from the third Saturday of each month to the second Saturday of each month beginning in May when we resume monthly Young Eagle Rallies. We will have business meetings at 10:00 followed by Young Eagles flights from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. We hope by combining the events we will improve attendance at both.

President Wise presented recognition of service certificates from EAA to Vice President Bill Ott, Secretary and newsletter editor Jeff Hill, Technical Counselor Steve Nusbaum and Young Eagles coordinator Jack Hartery. John himself was recognized for serving as President and Treasurer.

We would like to thank everyone for making the pasta potluck such a success. Our special thanks go out to head chefs Rita Musgrave and Carla Nusbaum and coordinator Sharon Hill.

Our next meeting will be Saturday, February 19 at 10:00 AM. This will be a general clean-up and if the weather is suitable, we have to do a little roofing job to repair wind damage to our hangar.

"We have your request..."

Airline captain to clearance delivery: "xxx1184 to BOS, and we're a DC9 today."

Clearance delivery: "Roger cleared to BOS via ... and we'll change the B737 to a DC9."

Unidentified pilot: "Clearance, while you're at it, could you change this PA28 to a Learjet?"

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FAMOUS FIRSTS IN AVIATION FROM 1921 to 1940

1921 First U.S. black female pilot. Bessie Coleman received license June 15. Was killed April 30, 1926, in flying accident.

First naval vessel sunk by aircraft. Two battleships being scrapped by treaty were sunk by bombs dropped from Army planes in demonstration put on by Brig. Gen. William S. Mitchell (July 21).

First helium balloon. The C-7, non-rigid Navy dirigible was first to use non-inflammable helium as lifting gas, making a flight from Hampton Roads, Va., to Washington, D.C. (Dec. 1).

1922 First member of Caterpillar Club. Lt. (later Maj. Gen.) Harold Harris bailed out of a crippled plane he was testing at McCook Field, Dayton, Ohio (Oct. 20), and became the first man to join the Caterpillar Club—those whose lives have been saved by parachute.

1923 First nonstop transcontinental flight. Lts. John A. Macready and Oakley Kelly flew a single-engine Fokker T-2 nonstop from New York to San Diego, a distance of just over 2,500 mi. in 26 h 50 min (May 2-3).

First autogyro flight. Juan de la Cierva, a brilliant Spanish mathematician, made the first successful flight in a rotary wing aircraft in Madrid (June 9).

1924 First round-the-world flight. Four Douglas Cruiser biplanes of the U.S. Army Air Corps took off from Seattle under command of Maj. Frederick Martin (April 6). 175 days later, two of the planes (Lt. Lowell Smith's and Lt. Erik Nelson's) landed in Seattle after a circuitous route—one source saying 26,345 mi., another saying 27,553 mi.

1926 First polar flight. Then-Lt. Cmdr. Richard E. Byrd, acting as navigator, and Floyd Bennett as pilot, flew a trimotor Fokker from Kings Bay, Spitsbergen, over the North Pole and back in 15 1/2 h (May 8-9).

1927 First solo, nonstop transatlantic flight. Charles Augustus Lindbergh lifted his Wright-powered Ryan monoplane, *Spirit of St. Louis*, from Roosevelt Field, L.I., to stay aloft 33 h 39 min and travel 3,600 mi. to Le Bourget Field outside Paris (May 20-21). Although 91 persons in 13 separate flights crossed the Atlantic before him, he flew directly between two great world cities and did it alone.

First transatlantic passenger. Charles A. Levine was piloted by Clarence D. Chamberlin from Roosevelt Field, L.I., to Eisleben, Germany, in a Wright-powered Bellanca (June 4-5).

First U.S.-Australia flight. Sir Charles Kingsford-Smith and Capt. Charles T. P. Ulm, Australians,

and two American navigators, Harry W. Lyon and James Warner, crossed the Pacific from Oakland to Brisbane. They went via Hawaii and the Fiji Islands in a trimotor Fokker (May 31-June 8).

First transarctic flight. Sir Hubert Wilkins, an Australian explorer and Carl Ben Eielson, who served as pilot, flew from Point Barrow, Alaska, to Spitsbergen (mid-April).

1929 First of the endurance records. With Air Corps Maj. Carl Spaatz in command and Capt. Ira Eaker as chief pilot, an Army Fokker, aided by refueling in the air, remained aloft 150 h 40 min at Los Angeles (Jan. 1-7).

First round-the-world airship flight. The LZ-127, known as the *Graf Zeppelin*, flew 21,300 miles in 20 days and 4 hours. Also set distance record (August).

First blind flight. James H. Doolittle proved the feasibility of instrument-guided flying when he took off and landed entirely on instruments (Sept. 24).

First rocket-engine flight. Fritz von Opel, a German automaker, stayed aloft in his small rocket-powered craft for 75 sec, covering nearly 2 mi. (Sept. 30).

First South Pole flight. Comdr. Richard E. Byrd, with Bernt Balchen as pilot, Harold G. Gatty, radio operator, and Capt. A. C. McKinley, photographer, flew a trimotor Fokker from the Bay of Whales, Little America, over the South Pole and back (Nov. 28-29).

First nonstop transpacific flight. Hugh Herndon and Clyde Pangborn took off from Sabishiro Beach, Japan, dropped their landing gear, and flew 4,860 mi. to near Wenatchee, Wash., in 41 h 13 min. (Oct. 4-5).

1932 First woman's transatlantic solo. Amelia Earhart, flying a Pratt & Whitney Wasp-powered Lockheed Vega, flew alone from Harbor Grace, Newfoundland, to Ireland in approximately 15 h (May 20-21).

1933 First round-the-world solo. Wiley Post took a Lockheed Vega, *Winnie Mae*, 15,596 mi. around the world in 7 d 18 h 49 1/2 min (July 15-22).

1937 First successful helicopter. Hanna Reitsch, a German pilot, flew Dr. Heinrich Focke's FW-61 in free, fully controlled flight at Bremen (July 4).

1939 First turbojet flight. Just before their invasion of Poland, the Germans flew a Heinkel He-178 plane powered by a Heinkel S3B turbojet (Aug. 27).

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